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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

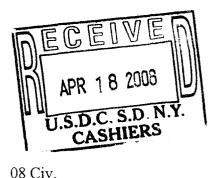
OCEANOGRAFIA S.A. DE C.V.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

DEMAR INSTALADORA Y CONSTRUCTORA, S.A. DE C.V.,

Defendant.



VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Oceanografia S.A. de C.V. ("Oceanografia" or "Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, Holland & Knight LLP, for its verified complaint against Demar Instaladora y Constructora, S.A. de C.V. ("Demar" or "Defendant"), alleges as follows:

- 1. This is a case of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction as hereinafter more fully appears and is a maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. At all times material herein, Oceanografia is and was a business entity organized and existing under the laws of the Mexico. Its corporate offices were and are located at S. Díaz

Mirón 1012 altos., Col. Ma. De la Piedad, 96410 Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, Mexico, and it maintains a branch office and headquarters located at Av. 4 Oriente Lote 5 Maz. D. Puerto Isla del Carmen, C.P. 24140.

- 3. Upon information and belief, at all times material herein, defendant Demar is and was a business entity organized and existing under the laws of Mexico with its principal place of business at Blv. Manuel Avila Campacho No. 80 INT. 201, Col. El Parque, 53398 Naucalpan, Edo. de Mexico, Mexico.
- 4. On or about July 22, 2007, Oceanografia, as owner, and Demar, as charterer, entered into an oral time charter party ("Tug Agreement") for the chartering of Oceangrafia's tugboat, the CABOLLA LIPIZANO ("Vessel") to provide tug services for moving Demar's barge, the OCEAN OLIMPIA, in La Songa de Campeche.
- 5. The Tug Agreement was entered into in Mexico by two Mexican entities, for the use of a Mexican registered vessel in Mexican waters, and is therefore governed by Mexican law.
- 6. The Vessel was hired by Demar from 23:05 hours on July 22, 2007 through 09:00 on July 23, 2007 totaling 9 hours and 55 minutes.
- 7. La Songa de Campeche is an oil producing region in which tugboats are in high demand, and are hired on an hourly basis. The hourly hire rate for the Vessel to perform the work included in the Tug Agreement is US\$585.00 per hour, and the local mobilization and demobilization fees are each US\$3,510.00.

- 8. Accordingly, the amount of due to Oceanografia for Demar's hiring of the Vessel, including mobilization and demobilization, fees is US\$12,821.25. A true and correct copy of the invoice setting forth the monies owed by Demar to Oceanografia for hire of the Vessel is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 9. Under Mexican law Oceanografia's fees and costs set forth in paragraph "8" are subject to a 15% tax under Mexican law.
- 10. Therefore, the total amount that Oceanografia is due from Demar for its chartering of the Vessel is as follows:

Total hire:	\$ 5,801.25
Local Mobilization:	\$ 3,510.00
Local Demobilization:	\$ 3,510.00
Subtotal:	\$12,82125
15% Tax:	\$ 1,923.19
TOTAL:	\$14,744.44

- On or about April 08, 2008, Oceanografia demanded payment from Demar in the 11. amount of US\$14,744.44, which Demar has refused to pay.
- Upon information and belief it will take two years to bring this dispute to 12. conclusion, resulting in the following estimated interest:

Interest:		\$	1,769.33	(\$14,744.44 x 0.06/year for two years)
Total Principal Claim:		\$_	14,744.44	
Total Sought:	į	\$	16,513.77	

13. Demar is not found within the Southern District of New York but does have assets, good or chattels within the jurisdiction, to wit: funds or accounts held in the name of Demar Instaladora y Constructora, S.A. de C.V. with, upon information and belief, the following financial institutions: Bank of America, N.A.; The Bank of New York; Citibank, N.A.; Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas; HSBC Bank USA, N.A.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; UBS AG; Wachovia Bank, N.A.; Société Générale; Standard Chartered Bank; BNP Paribas; Calyon Investment Bank; American Express Bank; Commerzbank; ABN Amro Bank; Bank Leumi USA; Banco Popular; or any other financial institution within the Southern District of New York.

WHEREFORE, Oceanografia S.A. de C.V. prays:

- 1. That a summons with process of attachment and garnishment may issue against the defendant, Demar Instaladora y Constructora, S.A. de C.V.; and if defendant cannot be found, then that its goods, chattels and credits within the district, and particularly all bank accounts and other property of Demar Instaladora y Constructora, S.A. de C.V. with the financial institutions noted above in paragraph 13, may be attached in an amount sufficient to answer plaintiff's claim;
- 2. That defendant Demar Instaladora y Constructora, S.A. de C.V. and any other person claiming an interest therein may be cited to appear and answer the matters aforesaid;
- 3. That judgment be entered in favor of Oceanografia S.A. de C.V. and against Demar Instaladora y Constructora, S.A. de C.V. in the amount of US\$16,513.77 (including estimated interest); and,

4. That this Court grant Oceanografia S.A. de C.V. such other and further relief which it may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York April 18, 2008

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)

:ss.:

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COUNTY OF NEW YORK

CHRISTOPHER R. NOLAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am associated with the firm of Holland & Knight LLP, counsel for Oceanografia S.A. de C.V. ("Oceanografia"), plaintiff in the foregoing action. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof, and the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed documentation provided to me by Oceanografia and corresponded with Oceanografia's representatives regarding this matter. I am authorized by Oceanografia to make this verification, and the reason for my making it as opposed to an officer or director of Oceanografia is that there are none within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court.

Christopher R. Nolan

Sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 2008

WALLIS BETH KARPF Notary Public, State Of New York No. 01KA6047092 Qualified in New York County

Commission Expires August 28, 20 🖸

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EXHIBIT 1



OCEANOGRAFIA, S. A. DE.C. V. DIAZ MIRON No. 1012-ALTOS COL. MÁRIA DE LA PIEDAD TEL. 212-4730 TEL./FAX: 212-3755

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VENDIDO A: DEMAR INSTALADORA Y CONSTRUCTORA, S.A. DE C.V.

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